

GURNET LIGHTHOUSE

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Bug Light.



Judge Juan Torruella lends a hand to maintain the interior of Gurnet Light.



Charles Fargo and George Palfrey painting the inside of Gurnet Light.

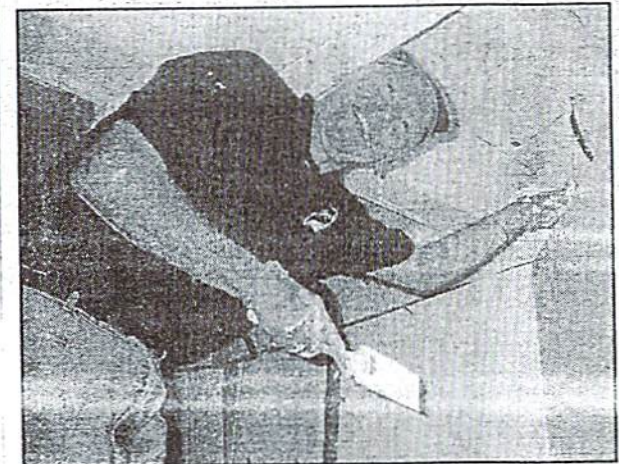
Project Bug and Gurnet Light

In 1983, a group of concerned citizens from the Duxbury, Plymouth and Marshfield area founded Project Bug Light Inc. to save and preserve the Duxbury Pier Light. Last year, the group also received a lease for Gurnet Light. The present Gurnet Light, which is the oldest wooden lighthouse in the United States, was built in 1842, while Bug was constructed in 1871.

Members of Project Bug and Gurnet Light, along with other volunteers, joined together in June and July to give the lighthouses their annual "face lift." This included cleaning, sanding, grinding, priming and painting the exterior of Bug Light. Gurnet

Light was recently relocated back from the edge of the cliff, and volunteers started transplanting *rosa rugosa* around the base to prevent erosion. They also plugged several leaks, and sanded, scraped, primed and painted the first level of the interior. They will continue working on the inside, and next spring plan to repaint the outside.

Project Bug and Gurnet Light is a non-profit organization and accepts tax-free donations of any amount. Checks can be made out to "Project Bug Light Inc.," and sent to PO Box 2167, Duxbury, MA 02331. For more information, visit website www.buglight.org.



Rink Ringquist focuses on the interior of Gurnet Light.



Jack DeWolf, Alden "Rink" Ringquist, George Palfrey, Charlie Cousins, Don Muirhead and Dolly Bicknell volunteer for Project Bug and Gurnet Light.



Many hands of friendship for Project Bug and Gurnet Light. Back row: Mike D'Amore, Fred Knapp; Middle: Don Muirhead, Brad Newman; Front: Burke Leahey, Dolly Snow Bicknell, Charlie Fargo, Greg Jordan.



Brad Newman and Dolly Snow Bicknell are two of many volunteers.



Tom Wheble gets to the top of Project Bug and Gurnet Light's volunteer efforts.



Mark Drummey and Brad Newman work on Bug Light.